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Emergency Medical Services

By Recruit Bertram

Mr. Dan Williams returned to the State Patrol Academy this week to continue preparing the class to be trained as First Responders. This week was more interactive as the class took part in scenario-based training.



During the training, the recruits were able to utilize all the skills they have learned in patient assessment and ini-



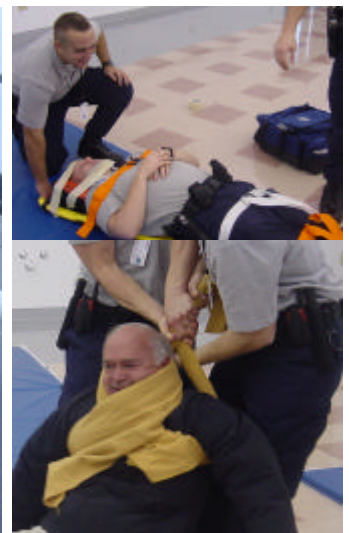
tial care. The scenarios took the recruits out of the classroom and allowed them to practice their skills in different situations that included a hunter whom had fallen from a tree, patients who needed to be extracted out of vehicles, and other possible outdoor emergencies.

On Tuesday, the Med Flight helicopter from the UW-Madison

hospital landed on the EVOC track at the State Patrol Academy. The helicopter crew covered the basics, from setting up landing zones to transporting patients with critical injuries. The crew, who are very



knowledgeable in patient care, consisted of a pilot, a nurse, and a doctor.



Community Oriented Policing

By Recruit Glejf

Mr. Theo Darden was back this week to educate the class on the issues and problems revolving around ethics and racial profiling in policing. Mr. Darden informed the recruits on the different stages of moral development in ethics. Stage One in ethics is understood in terms of obeying authority in order to avoid punishment. Stage Two

determines personal needs and interests. Stage Three is known as moral approval. Stage Four deals with conformity to laws and rules. Stage Five finds the deepest values and principles of one's society. Stage Six sees ethics as based on your own personal, but universal, ethical principles. This sequential development of one's ethical beliefs applies to all aspects of an individual's decision-making process.

Mr. Darden also informed the class on the continuing problem of racial profiling. Racial profiling is understood as conducting a contact on an individual based solely on racial stereotypes. These contacts/stereotypes



are based on "profiles" assembled, which depict the typical offender of a certain crime. By no means does policing train this in conducting its contacts; however, it is an occurrence that is being used selectively throughout the nation and it is hindering the effectiveness of honest policing.



Persons & Property

By Recruit Jentzsch

This week, the class was instructed by Sergeant Page, of the Eau Claire Police Department, on how to conduct death investigations, battery cases, sexual assaults, incidents of stalking, false imprisonment, mayhem, cases of theft, and retail theft.

The recruits learned that the three primary ways of solving crimes are through physical evidence, witnesses, and by confessions. It is the duty of officers to make sure that they locate and collect all of the necessary evidence found at a

crime scene, along with speaking to the relevant witnesses in order to produce solid leads for cases. The harder patrol officer's work as information gatherers on a fresh crime scene, the easier it is for the

detective divisions to solve crimes that take more investigation.

The ability to communicate and empathize with victims of crimes has a great deal of importance when it comes to how the public measures officers' worth to the community. When it comes to a person losing something that to most people may be of little value, police officers need to show that they truly care. This could mean the difference between people thinking highly of a police department or people never wanting to call for help again.



Martial Arts

By Recruit Olson

On Thursday, half of the class had another intense block of instruction with Mr. Cahoon in Martial Arts. This



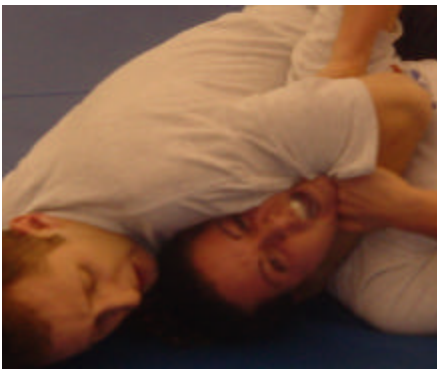
week took the training to another level as the recruits sparred each other person in their group for three-minute battles. The sparring only used ground-fighting techniques,

which are helpful if an officer is involved in a situation where they are not able to escalate or disengage easily. Following the fight, the recruits were amazed at how much energy it takes to go head-to-head with someone for a maximum of three minutes. The point was made to them on how important it really is to stay in shape and keep updated on defense techniques. Size and strength are fac-



tors during physical battles, but they are not the only things that matter. Technique was also emphasized as an important factor.

This was the first of two sparring sessions. The next session will involve each of the recruits going up against Mr. Cahoon from a standing position. The recruits will get their chance at breaking boards in the future.



Picture Of The Week

Photograph by Recruit Rousseau

Recruit Staab practices “delivering” a baby on Recruit Glejf during EMS scenarios.

